

Don first came to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in June 1995 to serve as an auditor on the committee's audit team. The committee had created the audit staff in 1988 to provide "a credible independent arm for Committee review of covert action programs and other specific Intelligence Community functions and issues." Don's aptitude for this work quickly led to his being named the committee's chief of the audit staff in September 1998. Mr. Stone then crossed the Capitol to work on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in March 2005 as the deputy staff director of the Subcommittee on Oversight. We were fortunate enough to bring Don back to the SSCI in January 2007 as our director of Audit and Evaluations.

During his time on the committee, Don has completed many reviews and audits to assure us that our intelligence agencies spent our tax money appropriately and legally, and that they managed their programs effectively within the law.

Over the years, Don has conducted audits of major acquisition systems, major espionage cases and their related damage assessments, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, budget and personnel growth, and information sharing. He has led the committee's review of financial statements of nominees for key intelligence positions, for keeping up with what the inspectors general of the intelligence community agencies were investigating, and for reviewing dozens of whistleblower and other complaint cases. Don has been properly persistent in reminding intelligence agencies of their need to do better.

He is also largely responsible for the effort, underway for the past several years, to push intelligence agencies to improve their financial auditability. A notable example of this was last year when the committee expressed concern and displeasure over the lack of progress that one intelligence agency was making toward being able to produce an auditable financial statement. I received a call from the agency's director, who was not very pleased about the committee's critical view. The committee staff and the agency staff met, and due in large part to Don's thorough research, the agency came away with a clearer picture of what steps it needed to take and, I hope, appreciative of the constructive role the committee was playing.

As this body of work reflects, Don has the talents required to conduct congressional oversight. He is able to see both the forest and the trees, and when necessary he can examine the individual leaves and roots. He has an extraordinary ability to focus on the details without losing knowledge of how they fit within a larger context. We have benefitted as a nation when he has cast his gaze on the workings of our national security apparatus.

At home he practices his attention to detail on his model car collection and

taking up the hammer and paint brush to do the home improvement work he truly enjoys.

I would be remiss without noting Don's passion for the local sports teams. Don lives and breathes the burgundy and gold of his hometown Washington Redskins and his residence is covered in red, white and blue not just because he's a true patriot, but also because he's an avid fan of the Washington Capitals hockey team.

Don's love of hockey has rubbed off on his two sons who now play on the ice and led him to take active roles in organizing and managing a local hockey league. This year, he is serving as the president of that league and we can be certain the games are starting on time, the kids are playing hard and having fun, and the league's finances are in order.

Even with his retirement from government service, Don will be putting his skills and expertise to use in the private sector, but still working in the intelligence arena.

Donald Stone has worked in the shadows both in the clandestine world of our Nation's spy agencies and out of the public limelight. It is my pleasure that now, as he leaves public service, we can openly acknowledge and praise the admirable work he has done to keep our Nation safe.

Mr. Stone, on behalf of myself and all the members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence during your years of service, I am pleased to say on the Senate floor how greatly we appreciate your fine work and your exemplary career. We will miss your insights and your professionalism. And I wish you all the best as you move on to the next stage of your life.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO GRACE AND CHARLES MAHONY

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor two of my constituents on a very special and rare milestone. Later this month, Grace and Charles Mahony of Atlanta will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Avid skiers, Grace and Charles met at a ski club, and Charles proposed in Aspen, CO. They were married on June 18, 1960, at Saint Clement Roman Catholic Church in Dearborn, MI. As a result of their union, Grace and Charles have been blessed with three children, Patricia, Maureen, and Kevin as well as one grandchild, Olivia Grace Mahony.

It is a privilege to honor this tremendous milestone that embodies the profound love and commitment Grace and Charles have for one another. Their marriage is an inspiration to us all. •

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLIVE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

• Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in rec-

ognizing the 125th anniversary of Olive Grove Baptist Church in Choudrant, LA.

In 1885, a small group of determined men and women founded what would become Olive Grove Baptist Church under the guidance of Rev. Andrew Moaten. Worshipping alongside Reverend Moaten were Deacon Henry Waters, Taylor and Martha Waters, Sister Mattie Hamilton, Deacon Mike Taylor, and Deacon State Wright.

These early members held services in a brush arbor for about 1 year before the first small structure, originally lit by kerosene lamps, was built. As the needs of its parishioners grew, so did Olive Grove Baptist Church. A new church was completed in 1926 under the guidance of Rev. H.J. Jordan, and in 1944 members began to raise money for yet another church. A storm destroyed the church in 1986, and current members now worship in the fifth Olive Grove Church to stand in Choudrant.

The church is currently led by the Rev. Derric Chatman, a dynamic young pastor. Current members, children of deceased members, individuals with community ties, and the general public continue to support the church with generous financial backing, allowing the church to remain active in its various ministries and demonstrating the important role that Olive Grove Baptist plays in the local community.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Olive Grove Baptist Church on their 125th anniversary and in wishing them the best for years to come. •

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES A. HURLEY

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Charles A. "Chuck" Hurley upon his retirement as chief executive officer of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Chuck is a true safety advocate, and his longstanding commitment to that cause is more than worthy of recognition.

Throughout my time in the Senate, Chuck and I have worked together on numerous highway safety initiatives, including the national age 21 drinking law, the national .08 BAC standard, primary seat belt laws, and teen driver graduated licensing programs. Chuck was instrumental in creating the "Click it or Ticket" Campaign in North Carolina, establishing the Nation's first pilot program to ensure drivers and passengers were buckling up. He also helped to launch the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, the national nonprofit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury.

A longtime supporter of MADD, Chuck has been involved in the organization since the very beginning. He attended MADD's first national press conference in Washington, DC, in 1980, and strongly supported the passage of my National 21 Minimum Drinking Age Act in 1984. From 1993 to 1998, Chuck served on the MADD National Board of

Directors and was later named to the MADD National Board of Advisors.

In 2005, Chuck became MADD CEO. Since then, he has developed MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving, which successfully encourages States to require drunk drivers to use an ignition interlock device. He has also been an outspoken advocate for the development of advanced alcohol detection technology, which could someday completely eliminate drunk driving.

Chuck graduated with a bachelor of arts in political science from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. From 1968 to 1970, he served in the U.S. Navy as an intelligence officer in Taipei, Taiwan. Chuck then worked for Congressman Bill Steiger, where he helped create the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

In the early 1980s, Chuck helped found the Lifesavers Conference, which is dedicated to reducing the tragic toll of deaths and injuries on our Nation's roadways. Chuck also served as the vice president of the Transportation Safety Group for the National Safety Council and as the executive director of the Council's Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign. In addition, Chuck served as a senior official at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Chuck has dedicated his career to making our highways safer for drivers and passengers. On behalf of everyone who uses our Nation's roadways, I am honored to express my gratitude and congratulations to Charles A. "Chuck" Hurley and extend my best wishes for a long and happy retirement.●

RECOGNIZING SMITH & WESSON

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Smith & Wesson in Houlton, ME—an Aroostook County economic anchor and an undeniable beacon for businesses in our great State and the Nation, especially in these precarious economic times. Indeed, the name Smith & Wesson has been synonymous with excellence since 1852, and I am proud to say it has been part of Maine's history since 1966 when the Houlton facility first opened its doors.

Over the Easter recess, I was privileged to visit the Smith & Wesson plant where its employees, in demonstrating their meticulous craftsmanship in manufacturing handcuffs and handguns, truly exemplify Maine's legendary work ethic and can-do spirit. As I toured the facility and spoke with these committed team members, I had the opportunity to learn about the vital role they play in assembling their products—and I couldn't help but beam with pride in their dedication to their craft. Their inexhaustible energy was palpable throughout their newly expanded plant, which now allows for shifts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

I was also impressed to meet and speak with Smith & Wesson's plant manager, Terry Wade, who has been with the branch since 1972. Terry clearly

is deeply devoted to his work as he labors side by side with his employees. A humble individual who credits even his own successes to others, Terry is a force for innovation—and as I discovered, he invented a handcuff model, currently being produced by the company, for which he holds a patent. Terry is a shining testament to the loyalty and drive of Houlton's Smith & Wesson workers, many of whom have been there for more than 20 years.

And let me just say, what began over 40 years ago as a small manufacturing arm of the larger parent company—making parts for revolver assembly and shipping just one 40-pound box of parts a week from a 2,000 square foot building—has evolved steadily from a staff of 18 to today's 160 dedicated men and women who are second to none. In fact, the Houlton plant just completed a hiring phase which, frankly, is outstanding when we consider the tenuous state of our economy and the herculean challenge of creating jobs. Individuals and families are still experiencing the troubling effects of the worst recession since World War II, with unemployment hovering near 10 percent nationwide, so I and, indeed, all of us in this Chamber cannot commend the Houlton facility enough for bucking this trend and hiring more staff.

In addition to developing Smith & Wesson's exemplary line of restraints, the Houlton plant also makes all of the company's semi-automatic rimfire pistols, the Walther PPK and PPK/S, and the SW1911 Series pistols. Due in large part to the exceptional team in Houlton, Smith & Wesson ranks first in the supply of restraints to law enforcement and their weapons are highly sought after by police agencies, security divisions, and military organizations—who surely all recognize the invaluable expertise and reliable quality that goes into each item.

The accomplishments of this phenomenal enterprise in Maine are remarkable. In March 2009, the plant reached an extraordinary milestone when after 30 years of producing high quality handcuffs, it made its six millionth pair. What a landmark occasion for a signature product used worldwide. And with the recent increase in the workforce—not to mention an impressive half-million dollar expansion to their firing range—Smith & Wesson in Houlton was recently named Houlton Business of the Year for 2009—a well-deserved accolade.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said that, "far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Those words could not ring more true as we recognize this American success story. Smith & Wesson could not be more emblematic of the world-class industry and workforces that are associated with our great State of Maine. No wonder our State motto is "Dirigo" or "I lead," as that is just what this Smith & Wesson plant in Houlton has been doing for more than 44 years.●

RECOGNIZING MONROE, LOUISIANA ROTARY CLUB

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I am proud to recognize the members of the Monroe, LA, Rotary Club who have served our country honorably during war.

I would like to thank Charles C. Archibald, Raymond Armstrong, John Baker, Robert Barham, Ronald Blate, Reneau Breard, Lamar Buffington, Roy Cole, Jr., Barry Delcambre, Sam Donald, R.D. Farr, Leon Garfield, Hershall Gentry, James Greenlaw, William Guy, Harvey Hales, Robert Hammock, Howard John, Charles Johns, Barney Jones, Billy Lea, Earl Lingle, Miles Luke, Jim Myers, Ray Patron, Gregg Riley, Jack Tarver, Elbert L. Via and George Weakens for their courageous military service during wartime and for continued civic service in the greater Monroe area.

With the motto "Service Above Self," it is no surprise that these men would be inclined to be members of Rotary. Their lifetime of service is exhibited not only in service to their fellow citizens during a time of war but also in continued commitment to their community.

Rotary's four-way test asks four questions of all things members think, say, and do. These questions are: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? These four simple questions have proven to be excellent guidelines for a life of service. We thank these men for serving the Monroe community with these principles. The Monroe Rotary Club has sponsored many local projects including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth baseball, the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana, and the Salvation Army, to name just a few.

Thus, today, I honor these veterans for their distinguished service in the U.S. armed services during wartime, and for their continued service to the State of Louisiana in the Monroe Rotary Club.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)